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SUBJECT: WESTERN FIVE COMMUNICATION TO SOUTH AFRICA

CONCERNING THEIR APPOINTMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL

FOR NAMIBIA

REF: (A) USUN 2133 (NOTAL) (B) PRETORIA 3312 (NOTAL)

1. WESTERN FIVE MET MORNING OF JULY 7 TO DISCUSS REACTION TO
APPOINTMENT BY SAG OF ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL (REFTEL B). GROUP

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DRAFTED AND AGREED UPON TEXT TO BE SUBMITTED TO CAPITALS
OF A WRITTEN "COMMUNICATION" TO BE HANDED OVER TO THE SAG.

IF DEPT CONCURS, REQUEST AMB BOWDLER TO CONSULT WITH HIS
COLLEAGUES OF THE FIVE ON DETAILS OF THE DELIVERY AND
MAKE THE PRESENTATION, IF POSSIBLE, ON JULY 8.

2. TEXT OF THE COMMUNICATION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE COMMUNICATION FROM THE FIVE TO SAG

THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR CONSIDERABLE SURPRISE AND DISQUIET AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT OF JULY 6 OF THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL FOR NAMIBIA. IN THEIR VIEW THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS APPOINTMENT IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE CAPE TOWN TALKS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THEY RELIED UPON THE STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER VORSTER THAT HE WOULD NOT BE TAKING ANY ACTION DURING JULY AND THAT IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO APPOINT THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL DURING AUGUST, AND INDEED WE CONVEYED THIS INFORMATION TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. THEY CONSIDERED THIS INTERVAL TO BE NECESSARY IN VIEW OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER PARTIES AND THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL DISCHARGING HIS FUNCTIONS IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.N. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OUTSET. MOREOVER, IN VIEW OF THE ROLE WHICH MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP HAVE BEEN PLAYING, IT WOULD BE NORMAL TO EXPECT PRIOR NOTIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS BELIEVE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WILL ADD TO THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE DELICATE DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH
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THEY ARE ENGAGED IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. IT IS THEREFORE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO COORDINATE THE TIMING OF THE ASSUMPTION BY THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES WITH THE APPOINTMENT AND INSTALLATION OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. SIMILARLY, GIVEN THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DUTIES AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL AND THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, THEY REQUEST THAT THE PROPOSED DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL BE DISCUSSED WITH THE FIVE WELL IN ADVANCE OF THEIR PROMULGATION. UNQUOTE
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